



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Bryan Powell Nevada Irrigation District 1036 West Main Street Grass Valley, CA 95945

CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, TARR CANAL, TUNNEL CANAL, AND CHINA UNION CANAL DIVERSION MAINTENANCE PROJECT (WDID #5A29CR00099), NEVADA COUNTY

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WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION STANDARD CONDITIONS:

- This Order serves as a Water Quality Certification (Certification) action that is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to Section 13330 of the California Water Code and Section 3867 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).
- 2. This certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any discharge from any activity involving a hydroelectric facility requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to 23 CCR Section 3855(b) of the California Code of Regulations, and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
- 3. The validity of any non-denial certification action shall be conditioned upon total payment of the full fee required Section 3833 of the California Code of Regulations.
- 4. This Certification is no longer valid if the project (as described) is modified, or coverage under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act has expired. Nevada Irrigation District shall notify the Central Valley Water Board within 7 days of the project completion.

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- 5. All reports, notices, or other documents required by this Certification or requested by the Central Valley Water Board shall be signed by a person described below or by a duly authorized representative of that person.
 - a. For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer such as (1) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function; (2) any other person who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation; or (3) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities if *authority* to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.
 - b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor.
 - c. For a municipality, State, federal, or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
- 6. Any person signing a document under Standard Condition No. 5 shall make the following certification, whether written or implied:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION CONDITIONS:

In addition to the above standard conditions, Nevada Irrigation District shall satisfy the following:

- 1. Nevada Irrigation District shall notify the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) in writing at least **seven (7) days** in advance of the start of any work within waters of the United States. The notification shall include the name of the project and the WDID number, and shall be sent to the Central Valley Water Board Contact indicated in this Certification.
- 2. Except for activities permitted by the U.S. Army Corps under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, soil, silt, or other organic materials shall not be placed where such materials could pass into surface water or surface water drainage courses.
- 3. Nevada Irrigation District shall maintain a copy of this Certification and supporting documentation (Project Information Sheet) at the Project site during construction for review by site personnel and agencies. All personnel (employees, contractors, and subcontractors) performing work on the proposed Project shall be adequately informed and trained regarding the conditions of this Certification.
- 4. Nevada Irrigation District shall perform surface water sampling:

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- a) when performing any in-water work;
- b) in the event that project activities result in any materials reaching surface waters; or
- c) when any activities result in the creation of a visible plume in surface waters.

The monitoring requirements in Table 1 shall be conducted upstream out of the influence of the Project, and approximately 300 feet downstream of the work area. The sampling frequency may be modified for certain projects with written approval from Central Valley Water Board staff.

Table 1:

Parameter	Unit	Type of Sample	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method	
Turbidity	NTU	Grab ⁽¹⁾	Every 4 hours during in-water work	(4)	
Settleable Material	mL/L	Grab ⁽¹⁾	Every 4 hours during in-water work	(2)	
Visible construction related pollutants ⁽³⁾			Continuous throughout the construction period	. 	

⁽¹⁾ Grab samples shall be taken at mid-depth and be collected at the same time each day to get a compete representation of variations in the receiving water.

As appropriate, surface water monitoring shall occur at mid-depth. A surface water monitoring report shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board Contact indicated in this Certification within two weeks of initiation of sampling and every two weeks thereafter. In reporting the monitoring data, Nevada Irrigation District shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the sampling locations, date, constituents, and concentrations are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner to illustrate clearly whether the Project complies with Certification requirements. The report shall include surface water sampling results, visual observations, and identification of the turbidity increase in the receiving water applicable to the natural turbidity conditions specified in the turbidity criteria below.

If no monitoring is conducted, Nevada Irrigation District shall submit a written statement to the Central Valley Water Board Contact indicated in the Certification stating, "No monitoring was required." with the Notice of Completion.

⁽²⁾ Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 136; where no methods are specified for a given pollutant.

⁽³⁾ Visible construction-related pollutants include oil, grease, foam, fuel, petroleum products, and construction-related, excavated, organic or earthen materials.

⁽⁴⁾ A hand-held field meter may be used, provided that the meter utilizes a USEPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring required by this Certification shall be maintained at the Project site.

- 5. The Central Valley Water Board adopted a *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins*, Fourth Edition, revised April 2016 (Basin Plan) that designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation programs and policies to achieve those objectives for all waters addressed through the plan. Turbidity and settleable matter limits are based on water quality objectives contained in the Basin Plan and are part of this Certification as follows:
 - a) Activities shall not cause turbidity increases in surface water to exceed:
 - i. where natural turbidity is less than 1 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs), controllable factors shall not cause downstream turbidity to exceed 2 NTU;
 - ii. where natural turbidity is between 1 and 5 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 1 NTU:
 - iii. where natural turbidity is between 5 and 50 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 20 percent;
 - iv. where natural turbidity is between 50 and 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 NTUs;
 - v. where natural turbidity is greater than 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 percent.

Except that these limits will be eased during in-water working periods to allow a turbidity increase of 15 NTUs over background turbidity. In determining compliance with the above limits, appropriate averaging periods may be applied provided that beneficial uses will be fully protected. Averaging periods may only be used with prior approval of the Central Valley Water Board staff.

Activities shall not cause settleable matter to exceed 0.1 mL/L in surface waters as measured in surface waters within approximately 300 feet downstream of the Project.

- 6. Nevada Irrigation District shall notify the Central Valley Water Board immediately if the above criteria for turbidity, settleable matter or other water quality objectives are exceeded.
- 7. Refueling of equipment within the floodplain or within 300 feet of the waterway is prohibited. If critical equipment must be refueled within 300 feet of the waterway, spill prevention and countermeasures must be implemented to avoid spills. Refueling areas shall be provided with secondary containment including drip pans and/or placement or absorbent material. No hazardous materials, pesticides, fuels, lubricants, oils, hydraulic fluids, or other construction-related potentially hazardous substances should be stored within a floodplain or within 300 feet of a waterway. Nevada Irrigation District must perform frequent inspections of construction equipment prior to utilizing it near surface waters to ensure leaks from the equipment are not occurring and are not a threat to water quality.
- 8. Nevada Irrigation District shall develop and maintain onsite a project-specific Spill Prevention, Containment and Cleanup Plan outlining the practices to prevent, minimize, and/or clean up potential spills during construction of the Project. The Plan must detail the

Project elements, construction equipment types and location, access and staging and construction sequence. The Plan must also address the potential of responding to a spill or prevention of spills occurring within the Project site.

- 9. Asphalt, drilling fluids, lubricants, paints, coating material, oil, petroleum products, or any other substances which could be hazardous to fish and wildlife resulting from or disturbed by project-related activities, shall be prevented from contaminating the soil and/or entering surface waters. Concrete must completely be cured before coming into contact with surface waters. Surface water that contacts wet concrete must be pumped out and disposed of at an appropriate off-site commercial facility, which is authorized to accept concrete wastes.
- 10. An effective combination of erosion and sediment control Best Management Practices (BMPs) shall be implemented and adequately working during all phases of construction.
- 11. All areas disturbed by Project activities shall be protected from washout or erosion.
- 12. All temporarily affected areas shall be restored to pre-construction contours and conditions upon completion of construction activities.
- 13. This Certification does not allow permanent water diversion of flow from the receiving water. This Certification is invalid if any water is permanently diverted as a part of the Project.
- 14. The State Water Resources Control Board has issued riparian water rights for the water diversions within the Project area identified as Permit Nos. S13926 (Tarr Canal), 8808 Tunnel Canal), and 8088 (China Union Canal). This Certification is not valid if the Project is not conducted in accordance with an existing water right issued by the State Water Resources Control Board. This Certification does not provide a new water right or modify an existing water right.
- 15. If temporary surface water diversions and/or dewatering are anticipated, Nevada Irrigation District shall develop and maintain on-site a Surface Water Diversion and/or Dewatering Plan(s). The Plan(s) shall include the proposed method and duration of diversion activities. The Surface Water Diversion and/or Dewatering Plan(s) must be consistent with this Certification.
- 16. When work in a flowing stream is unavoidable and any dam or other artificial obstruction is being constructed, maintained, or placed in operation, sufficient water shall at all times be allowed to pass downstream, to maintain beneficial uses of waters of the State below the dam. Construction, dewatering, and removal of temporary cofferdams shall not violate **Technical Certification Condition 5 of this Certification.**
- 17. Any temporary dam or other artificial obstruction constructed shall only be built from clean materials such as sandbags, gravel bags, water dams, or clean/washed gravel which will cause little or no siltation. Stream flow shall be temporarily diverted using gravity flow through temporary culverts/pipes or pumped around the work site with the use of hoses.

- 18. The discharge of petroleum products or other excavated/dredged materials to surface water is prohibited. Activities shall not cause visible oil, grease, or foam in the receiving water. Nevada Irrigation District shall notify the Central Valley Water Board as soon as practicable of any spill of petroleum products or other organic or earthen materials with written follow up within 5 days.
- 19. Nevada Irrigation District shall submit a copy of the final, signed and dated Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife within 14 days of issuance to the Central Valley Water Board Contact indicated in this Certification.
 - Nevada Irrigation District shall comply with all California Department of Fish and Wildlife requirements, including but not limited to those requirements described in the Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement.
- 20. Nevada Irrigation District shall obtain coverage under an NPDES permit for dewatering activities that result in discharges into surface water and/or shall obtain Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for dewatering activities that result in discharges to land from the Central Valley Water Board.
- 21. The Conditions in this water quality certification are based on the information contained in the Nevada Irrigation District's application and in the attached "Project Information Sheet." If the Project, as described in the application and the attached Project Information Sheet, is modified or changed, this Certification is no longer valid until amended by the Central Valley Water Board.
- 22. In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this certification, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process, or sanctions as provided for under the applicable state or federal law. For the purposes of section 401(d) of the Clean Water Act, the applicability of any state law authorizing remedies, penalties, process, or sanctions for the violation or threatened violation constitutes a limitation necessary to ensure compliance with water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this certification.
 - a) If Nevada Irrigation District or a duly authorized representative of the project fails or refuses to furnish technical or monitoring reports, as required under this Order, or falsifies any information provided in the monitoring reports, Nevada Irrigation District is subject to civil monetary liabilities, for each day of violation, or criminal liability.
 - b) In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this certification, Central Valley Water Board may require the holder of any federal permit or license subject to this certification to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the Central Valley Water Board deems appropriate, provided that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports (Water Code, Section 1051, 13165, 13267 and 13383). In response to any violation of the conditions of this

- certification, the Central Valley Water Board may add to or modify the conditions of this certification as appropriate to ensure compliance.
- c) Nevada Irrigation District shall allow the staff of the Central Valley Water Board, or an authorized representative(s), upon the presentation of credentials and other documents, as may be required by law, to enter the Project premises for inspection, including taking photographs and securing copies of Project-related records, for the purpose of assuring compliance with this Certification and determining the ecological success of the Project.
- 23. Staff of the Central Valley Water Board has prepared total maximum daily load (TMDL) allocations that, once approved, would limit methylmercury in storm water discharges to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Central Valley Water Board has scheduled these proposed allocations to be considered for adoption. When the Central Valley Water Board adopts the TMDL and once approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, the discharge of methylmercury may be limited from the proposed project. The purpose of this condition is to provide notice to Nevada Irrigation District that methylmercury discharge limitations and monitoring requirements may apply to this project in the future and also to provide notice of the Central Valley Water Board's TMDL process and that elements of the planned construction may be subject to a TMDL allocation.
- 24. Nevada Irrigation District shall provide the Central Valley Water Board Contact indicated in this Certification a Notice of Completion (NOC) no later than 30 days after the Project completion. The NOC shall demonstrate that the project has been carried out in accordance with the project description in the Certification and in any amendments approved. The NOC shall include a map of the project location(s), including final boundaries of any on-site restoration area(s), if appropriate, and representative pre and post construction photographs. Each photograph shall include a descriptive title, date taken, photographic site, and photographic orientation

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CONTACT PERSON:

Daniel Warner, Water Resource Control Engineer Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, California 96002 dwarner@waterboards.ca.gov (530) 224-4848

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

I hereby issue an Order certifying that any discharge from Nevada Irrigation District, Tarr Canal, Tunnel Canal, and China Union Canal Diversion Project (WDID 5A29CR00099) will comply with the applicable provisions of Section 301 ("Effluent Limitations"), Section 302 ("Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations"), Section 303 ("Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans"), Section 306 ("National Standards of Performance"), and Section 307 ("Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards") of the Clean Water Act This discharge is also regulated under State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ

"Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements For Dredged Or Fill Discharges That Have Received State Water Quality Certification (General WDRs)."

Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all Certification actions are contingent on (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in compliance with conditions of this Certification, Nevada Irrigation District's application package, and the attached Project Information Sheet, and (b) compliance with all applicable requirements of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River*, Fourth Edition, revised April 2016 2015 (Basin Plan).

Any person aggrieved by this action may petition the State Water Quality Control Board to review the action in accordance with California Water Code Section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 2050 and following. The State Water Quality Control Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this action, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Quality Control Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality or will be provided upon request.

(for) Pannela C. Creedon

Executive Officer

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Enclosure: Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ

cc w/o enclosures: Kaitlyn Pascus, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Sacramento Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 2, Rancho Cordova

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento

Mr. Bill Jennings, CALSPA, Stockton

Morgan Kennedy, Stantec Consulting Inc., Nevada City

cc w/o Enclosures

by email:

U.S. EPA, Region 9, San Francisco

Mr. Bill Orme, SWRCB, Certification Unit, Sacramento

PROJECT INFORMATION

Application Date: 29 March 2016

Application Deemed Complete: 12 August 2016

Applicant: Brian Powel

Nevada Irrigation District 1036 West Main Street Grass Valley, CA 95945

Project Name: Tarr Canal, Tunnel Canal, and China Union Canal Diversion Maintenance

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Application Number: WDID No. 5A29CR00099

U.S. Army Corps File Number:

Type of Project: Sediment Removal.

Project Location:

<u>Tarr Canal:</u> Section 10 and 11, Township 15 North, Range 8 East

Latitude: 39.161° and Longitude: -121.066°

Tunnel Canal: Section 18, Township 16 North, Range 8 East

Latitude: 39.245° and Longitude: -121.129°

China Union Canal: Section 29, Township 16 North, Range 7 East

Latitude: 39.218° and Longitude: -121.219°

County: Nevada County

Receiving Water(s) (hydrologic unit):

- Wolf Creek, tributary to the Feather River. Feather River Hydrologic Unit No.516.32 Bear River HSA
- Deer Creek, tributary to the Yuba River. Yuba River Hydrologic Unit 517.20 Nevada City HA
- Squirrel Creek, tributary to the Yuba River. Yuba River Hydrologic Unit 517.20
 Nevada City HA

Water Body Type: Streambed

Designated Beneficial Uses: The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins*, Fourth Edition, revised April 2016 (Basin Plan) has designated beneficial uses for surface and ground waters within the region. Beneficial uses that could be impacted by the project include, but are not limited to: Municipal and Domestic Water Supply

(MUN); Agricultural Supply (AGR); Hydropower Generation (POW); Groundwater Recharge (GWR); Water Contact Recreation (REC-1); Non-Contact Water Recreation (REC-2); Cold Freshwater Habitat (COLD); Spawning, Reproduction, and/or Early Development (SPWN); and Wildlife Habitat (WILD). A comprehensive and specific list of the beneficial uses applicable for the project area can be found at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/index.shtml.

Project Description (purpose/goal): The Tarr Canal, Tunnel Canal, and China Union Diversion Maintenance Project is composed of three Project sites and are located in western Nevada County, California on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada foothills:

- (1) The Tarr Canal Diversion is located on Wolf Creek approximately three miles south of Grass Valley, California at an elevation of approximately 2,065 feet (630 meters). The site is in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) 7.5 minute Grass Valley Quadrangle (QUAD).
- (2) The Tunnel Canal Diversion is located on Deer Creek approximately three miles northwest of Grass Valley, California at an elevation of approximately 1,920 feet (585 meters). The site is in the USDA Rough and Ready QUAD.
- (3) The China Union Canal is located on Deer Creek approximately seven miles west of Grass Valley, California at an elevation of approximately 1,325 feet (400 meters). The site is in the USDA Rough and Ready QUAD.

The purpose of the Tarr, Tunnel, and China Union Diversion Maintenance Project (Project) is to conduct maintenance activities on three diversions (Project locations) to restore the diversion to design conditions and move entrapped sediments downstream of the diversion to facilitate natural fish spawning substrate bed load movements. The Diversion structures have become filled with sediment and will soon begin impacting Nevada Irrigation District's ability to properly divert flows into the irrigation canals owned and operated by Nevada Irrigation District. The sediments will be excavated from upstream of each diversion and placed in the downstream side to facilitate natural sediment movement.

Specifically, Nevada Irrigation District intends to excavate accumulated sediments upstream of the Tarr Canal Diversion on Wolf Creek, excavate accumulated sediments upstream of the Tunnel Diversion on Deer Creek and refurbish the downstream face of the diversion structure: and excavate accumulated sediments upstream of the diversion for China Union Canal on Squirrel Creek. These maintenance activities are required on a regular basis and thus Nevada Irrigation District intends to seek coverage under routine maintenance permits from State and Federal environmental regulatory agencies. The maintenance work involves the use of a backhoe or similar device to remove accumulated sediments within the stream channel. The naturally accumulated sediments will be deposited downstream of the diversion to allow for continued movement of the sediments and/or transported offsite. All instream work will occur during the dry season when stream flows are at a minimum. Two of the three sites (i.e., 1- Tarr and 2- Tunnel) will not divert water, thus work will commence at these sites in the wetted portion during the dry season. At the China Union site, water will be diverted into the creek, before it reaches the maintenance structure, during maintenance activities. Work will be completed by a backhoe from an equipment pad. The backhoe will only remove sediment and debris that has built up in front of the diversion spillway structures. Any adjacent areas or bank disturbed by maintenance activities will be restored to conditions similar to those present prior to the maintenance activities. Nevada Irrigation District will have water quality monitoring upstream and downstream of the Project sites during all instream work. These maintenance activities

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have not altered the hydrology of the drainages in the past and thus, Project activities are not anticipated to alter the current hydrology of (1) Wolf Creek, (2) Deer Creek, or (3) Squirrel Creek.

The project will temporarily impact 0.05 acre(s)/60 linear feet of waters on Wolf Creek, 0.05 acre(s)/60 linear feet of waters on Deer Creek, and 0.04 acre(s)/120 linear feet of waters on Squirrel Creek. All three are waters of the United States

Preliminary Water Quality Concerns: Construction activities including soil disturbance, excavation, cutting/filling, and grading activities could result in increased erosion and sedimentation and may impact surface waters with increased turbidity and settleable matter.

Proposed Mitigation to Address Concerns: Nevada Irrigation District will implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to control sedimentation and erosion. All temporary affected areas will be restored to pre-construction contours and conditions upon completion of construction activities. Nevada Irrigation District will conduct turbidity and settleable matter testing during in-water work, stopping work if Basin Plan criteria are exceeded or are observed.

Fill/Excavation Area: Approximately 610 cubic yards of sediment will be excavated from 0.14 acres of waters of the United States.

Dredge Volume: N/A

California Integrated Water Quality System Impact Data: The Project will temporarily impact 0.14 acre(s)/240 linear feet of streambed from excavation activities.

Table 1: Impacts from Fill and/or Excavation Activities

	,	Permanent			Temporary		
Fill Type	Acres	Linear Feet	Cubic Yards	Acres	Linear Feet	Cubic Yards	
Stream Chan	nel						
Wolf Creek				0.05	60 ·	350	
Deer Creek	······································			0.05	. 60	200	
Squirrel Creek	***************************************			0.04	120	60	
Stream Total	***************************************			0.14	240	610	
Total Impacts				0.14	240	610	

Notes

NA Not Applicable

United States Army Corps of Engineers Permit Type: Nationwide Permit #3 (Maintenance).

Department of Fish and Wildlife Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement: Nevada Irrigation District applied for a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement on 28 March 2016.

Possible Listed Species: The Section 401 Water Quality Certification Application does not list any special status animal or plant species; however habitat does exist, and therefore there is potential for the following species to occur in one or more of the proposed Project sites. California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) species of special concern western pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*).

Status of CEQA Compliance: The Nevada Irrigation District has determined that this project meets the Statutory Exemption, under Section 15301 of the California Code of Regulations, which exempts Class 1 Existing Facilities, (h) Maintenance of existing water supply reservoirs.

The Nevada Irrigation District filed a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse for the Tarr Canal, Tunnel Canal, and China Union Canal Diversion Maintenance Project on 3 June 2016 (Tarr Canal SCH 2016000031, Tunnel Canal SCH 2016000032, and China Union Canal SCH 2016000033).

Compensatory Mitigation: The Central Valley Water Board is not requesting compensatory mitigation for the Tarr Canal, Tunnel Canal, and China Union Canal Diversion Maintenance Project.

Application Fee Provided: An application fee of \$1,200 was submitted on 1 April 2016 and an additional fee of \$2,640.00 was submitted on 17 June 2016. A total fee of \$3,840.00 has been submitted to the Central Valley Water Board as required by Section 3833(b)(3)(A) and Section 2200(a)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.